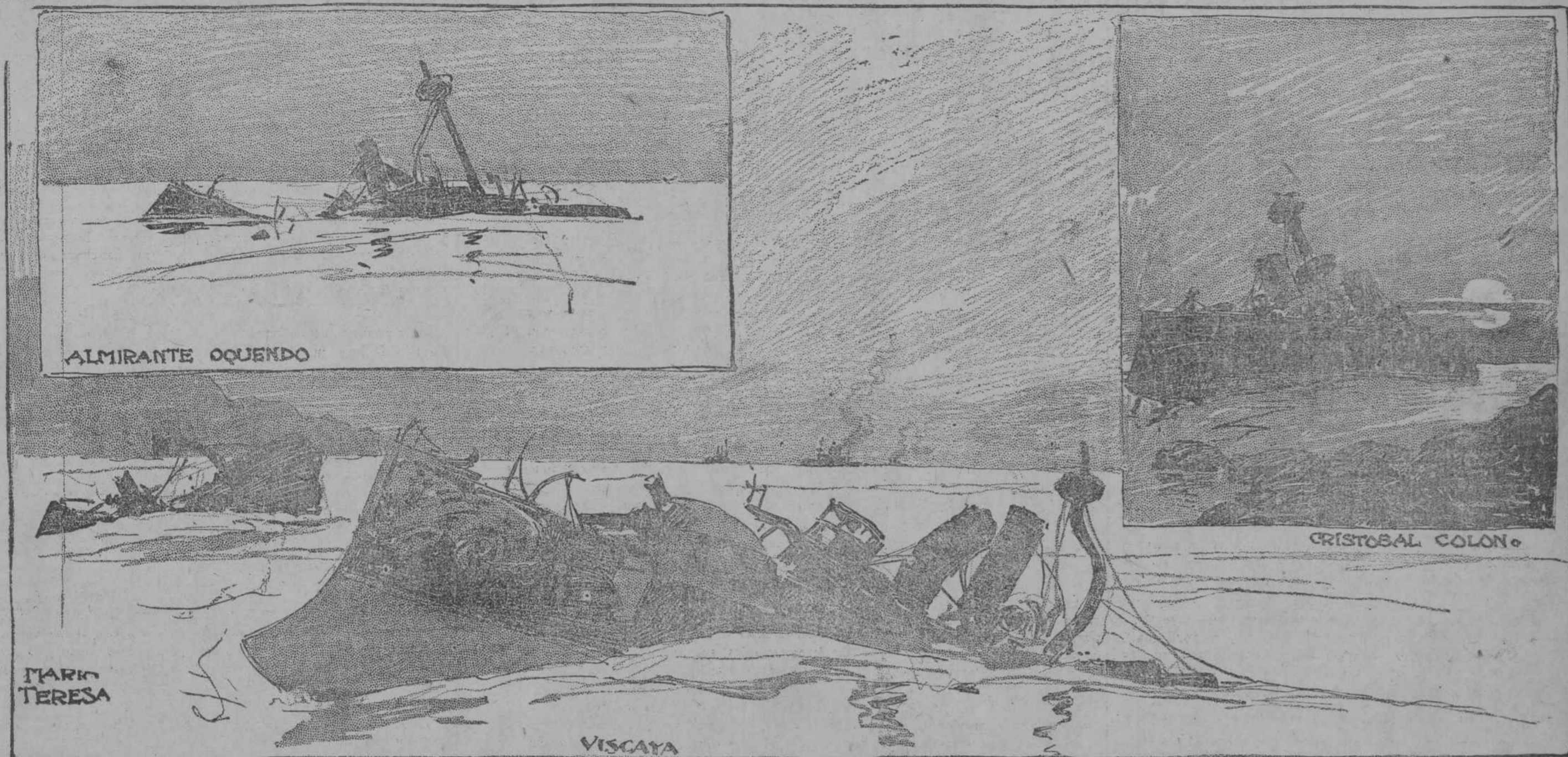


# HOW WE HAVE AVENGED THE MAINE.

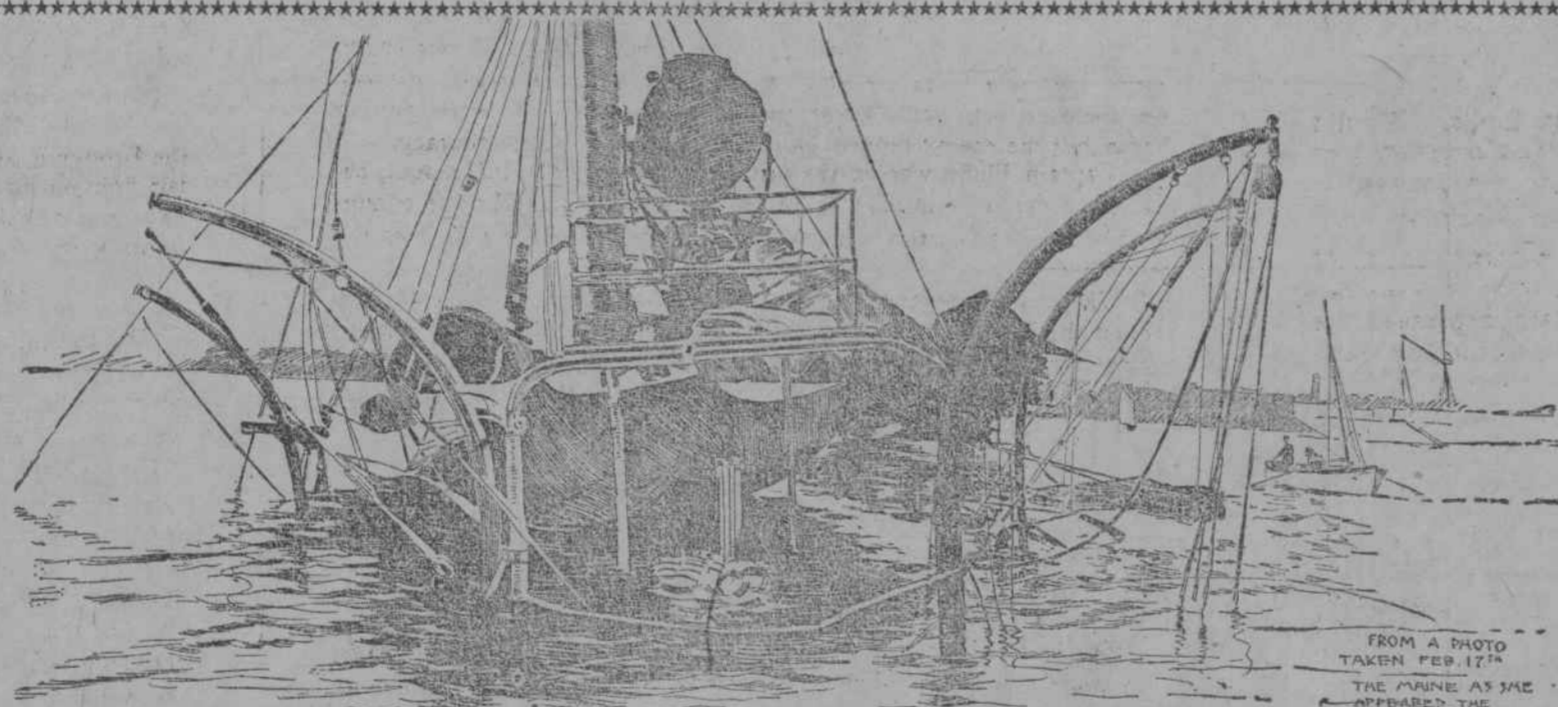


CERVERA'S FLEET AS IT LIES TO-DAY ON THE COAST OF CUBA.

## What Spain Did to the Battle Ship Maine.

THE United States battle ship Maine was blown up on the night of February 15 in Havana harbor, where she had been sent on a friendly visit by the Government at Washington. A searching investigation revealed the fact that the disaster, in which 266 of our brave sailors were killed, was designed and carried out by the Spaniards. Out of the crew of 354 officers and men only 88 survived.

The destruction of the battle ship was accomplished by means of a mine or torpedo. There is a well founded belief that the vessel was taken to an anchorage by the Spanish harbor master where she could be blown up when the treacherous officials gave the word to put their plot into execution. Weyler has the credit for laying the mines in Havana harbor during his administration as Governor-General of Cuba. Evidence goes to show that it was one of these that destroyed the Maine.



BATTLE SHIP MAINE, AS SHE APPEARED AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

## Revenge Uncle Sam Has Had for the Maine.

TO Admiral Dewey belongs the credit of giving Spain the first instalment of the revenge which Uncle Sam determined to have for the destruction of the Maine while she was on a peaceful mission to Havana. Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley have contributed still further to the good cause outside of Santiago harbor.

Admiral Dewey forced an entrance to Manila Bay on the night of April 29, and early on the following morning engaged the Spanish fleet which was there, under command of Admiral Montojo. When the battle was over the enemy's fleet had been entirely wiped out, while Dewey's ships had scarcely a scratch. Thirteen vessels were destroyed.

The American squadron caught Cervera and his fleet of crack war ships in Santiago harbor on May 19. There he was kept securely bottled until it got too hot for the Spaniard. That was on Sunday, when he steamed out of the harbor with his six fast war ships and undertook to run away from Uncle Sam's fleet. But fast as he ran, the Americans ran faster, and his six vessels now decorate the bottom of the Caribbean Sea. Cervera was taken prisoner, together with about 1,700 other Spaniards.



MONTOJO'S FLEET AS IT LIES IN THE MUD OF MANILA BAY.